FISCAL NOTE

HB 654 - SB 639

March 11, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any entity owning or operating a railroad in any municipality located in any county having a population in excess of 800,000 (City of Memphis), to maintain at the railroad's expense all right-of-way properties within municipal boundaries in accordance with local health and environmental laws and ordinances. Requires removal of any portion of a rail line intersecting with public streets that has been inactive for a 12-month period that is not reasonably anticipated to return to active use within a subsequent 12-month period.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- Enactment of this bill has no impact on state or local government.
- All costs associated with this bill are borne by the railroad owners.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director